



April 26, 2012

Iowa City Community School Board
1725 North Dodge Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52245

RE: Third High School

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the North Liberty City Council, I am writing this letter in support of the construction of a third high school in the Iowa City Community School District. As you know, the City of North Liberty and the north corridor have experienced exponential growth over the last decade. We anticipate similar growth in the years to come. For example, in 2011 our Building Department issued 129 residential building permits for 170 units. To date in 2012, we have issued 129 residential building permits for 159 units. As the economy rebounds, we expect this trend to continue, resulting in a population increase of 300-500 people annually in North Liberty alone.

Considering the size of the communities of North Liberty and north Coralville, the fact that we anticipate substantial growth over the next decade, and the current location and size of the two high schools already in the district, we strongly support the construction of a third high school in the north corridor. We understand the difficult decisions you have to make regarding the district as a whole and can empathize with you about trying to balance the different needs and wants of the community. If we can be of any assistance to you as you debate those issues, please do not hesitate to contact us, via our City Administrator, Ryan Heiar at rheiar@ci.north-liberty.ia.us.

We look forward to partnering with you to continue to enhance our community's desirability as a place to work, live and play.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Salm
Mayor

CC: North Liberty City Council
Stephen Murley, ICCSD Superintendent
Coralville City Council